

INFAMOUS IRON MAN™

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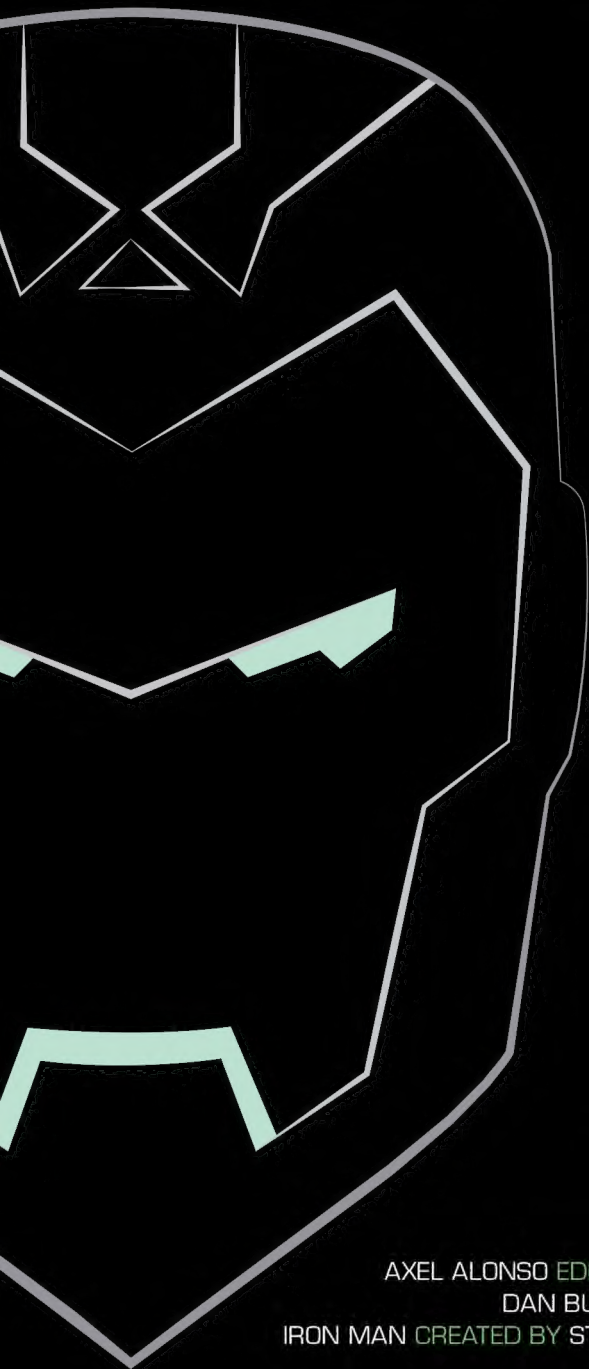


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Victor Von Doom has lived a lifetime of devious infamy as Doctor Doom—but recent events, including the sudden, almost fatal incapacitation of Tony Stark, A.K.A. Iron Man, have inspired Doom to dedicate his life to more heroic pursuits...as the **INFAMOUS IRON MAN**.

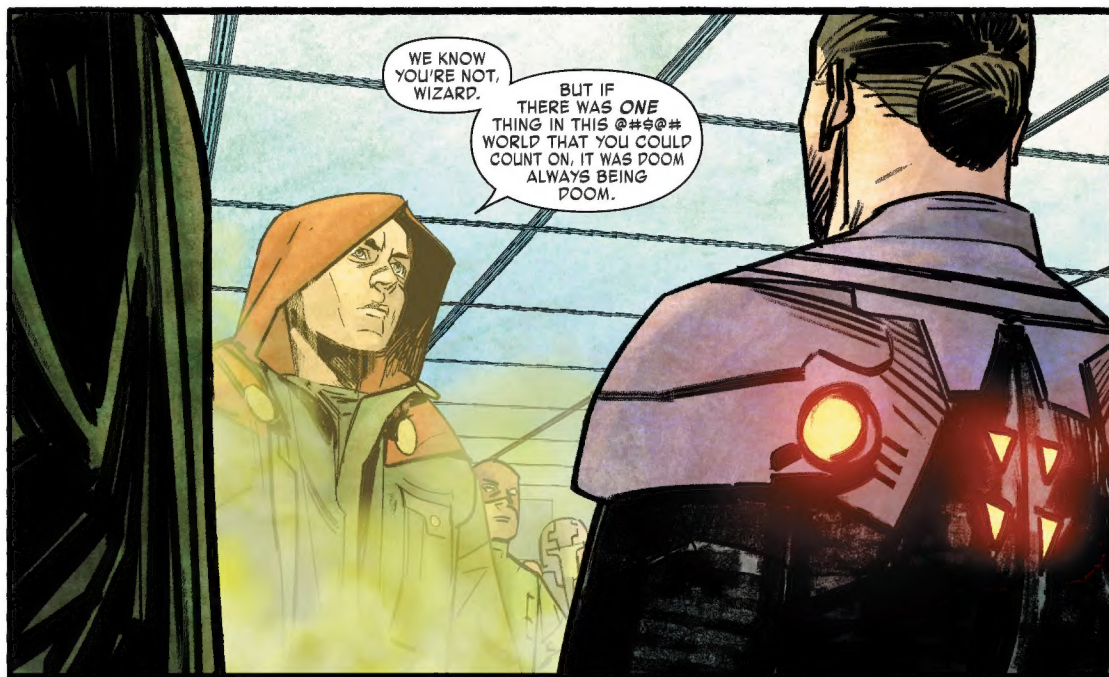
Victor recently discovered that his mother, the dark arts master Cynthia Von Doom, was not dead as he had believed. She claimed she wanted to rekindle their relationship now that Victor was turning over a new leaf—but there's a dark version of Reed Richards whispering in her ear at every turn, and his intentions are still unknown.

Meanwhile, a S.H.I.E.L.D. operation led by Ben Grimm, A.K.A. the Thing, continues to pursue Victor, believing his motives for taking out a number of other dangerous villains to be less than honorable.

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I WOULD LOVE TO WEAR THAT AROUND, BUT I--I WAS LUCKY.



WE SAW THE FOOTAGE.



DOOM HAS ALL HIS TECH, ALL OF STARK'S TECH, AND HE HAS ALL THAT BLACK MAGIC VOODOO HOODOO HE ALWAYS HAD.

PLUS, HE'S PICKING US OFF SO EASILY BECAUSE HE KNOWS A LOT OF OUR SECRETS!

ALL THESE YEARS, ALL THE TEAM-UPS, PLOTTIN' AND PLANNIN' TOGETHER.

HE KNOWS WHERE ALL THE BODIES ARE BURIED. HE KNOWS WHERE WE LIVE!



THIS-- THIS IS IT! THIS IS OUR WORST NIGHTMARE.

YOU KNOW, I ALWAYS GOT THE FEELING HE WAS A LITTLE JEALOUS OF ME--

I'M LEAVING THE COUNTRY.

OH, MY GOD!



WHAT THE @###@ HAPPENED TO YOU GUYS?

UH, I'D LIKE TO HEAR MORE ABOUT WHY DOOM TURNED.

OH MAN, WHO THE @###@ CARES?!

WE, US, AS A GROUP-- WE HAVE TO WHACK HIM.

TODAY.

TONIGHT.

THAT'S IT.



EXACTLY!

WHAT?

THE HELL IF I'M GOING TO WAIT AROUND FOR CRAZY TO COME TO MY FRONT DOOR.

LET'S PUT HIM DOWN NOW.

HA!



YOU NEVER LEARN, ROBBINS.

YOU ALWAYS WANT TO JUMP IN AND TRY TO MAKE A NAME FOR YOURSELF.

JIGSAW, BUBBIE, BABY, LISTEN...

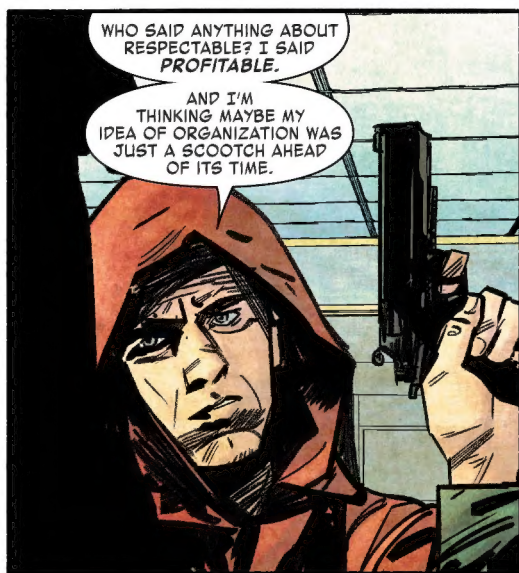


YOU WERE WITH ME A COUPLE OF MONTHS AGO WHEN WE TRIED TO ORGANIZE THIS BUNCH INTO SOMETHING WORTH A DAMN.



YOU WERE ALL IN.

AND THEN I REMEMBERED YOU CAN'T TEACH CATS TO TYPE AND YOU CAN'T MAKE A BUNCH OF CRIMINALS INTO A RESPECTABLE ORGANIZATION.



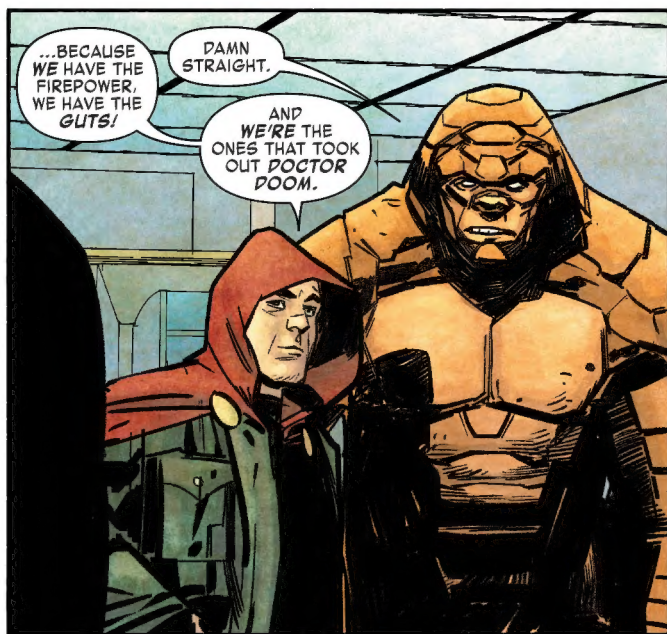
WHO SAID ANYTHING ABOUT RESPECTABLE? I SAID PROFITABLE.

AND I'M THINKING MAYBE MY IDEA OF ORGANIZATION WAS JUST A SCOTCH AHEAD OF ITS TIME.



MAYBE THIS IS THE KIND OF THING THAT COULD PUT US BACK ON THE REP MAP.

AND THEN, BOOM, GUYS LIKE MR. NEGATIVE AND THE BLACK CAT AND EVERYONE ELSE TRYING TO TAKE SOME OF THE KINGPIN'S TERRITORY WILL HAVE TO ANSWER TO US FIRST...



...BECAUSE WE HAVE THE FIREPOWER, WE HAVE THE GUTS!

DAMN STRAIGHT.

AND WE'RE THE ONES THAT TOOK OUT DOCTOR DOOM.



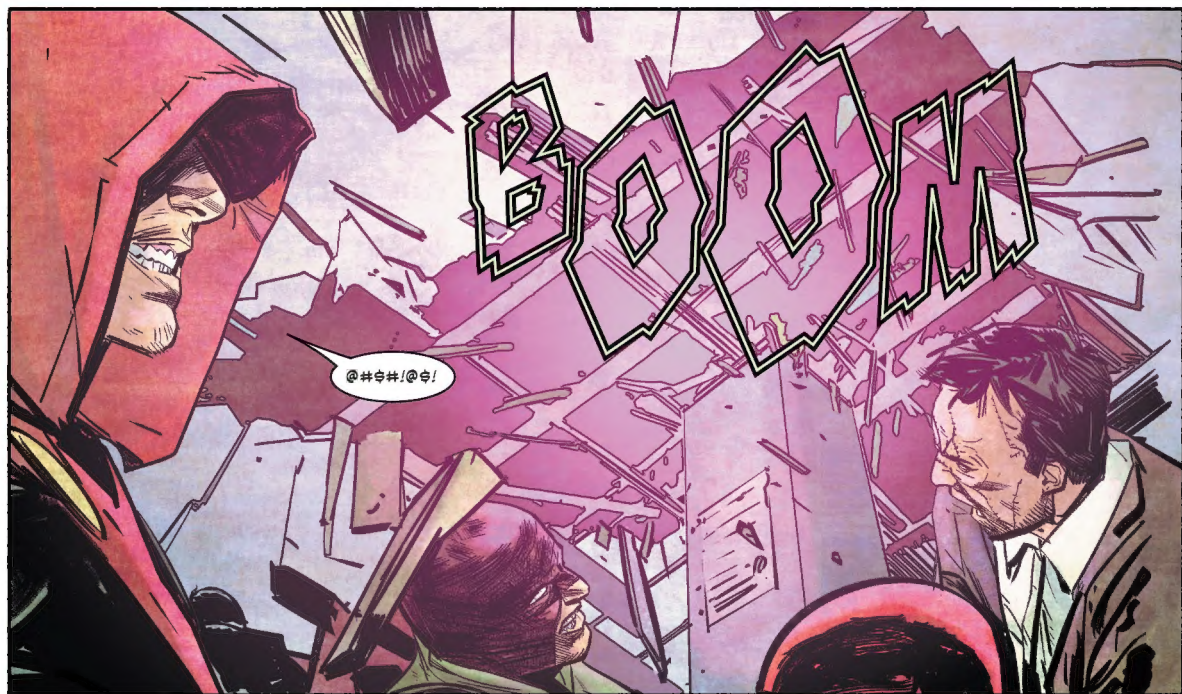
YEAH, THAT'S RIGHT...

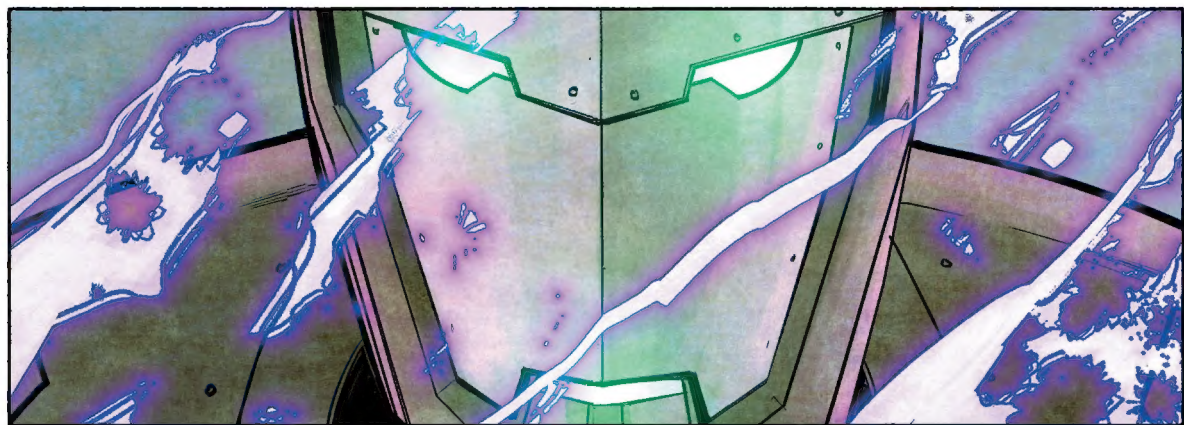
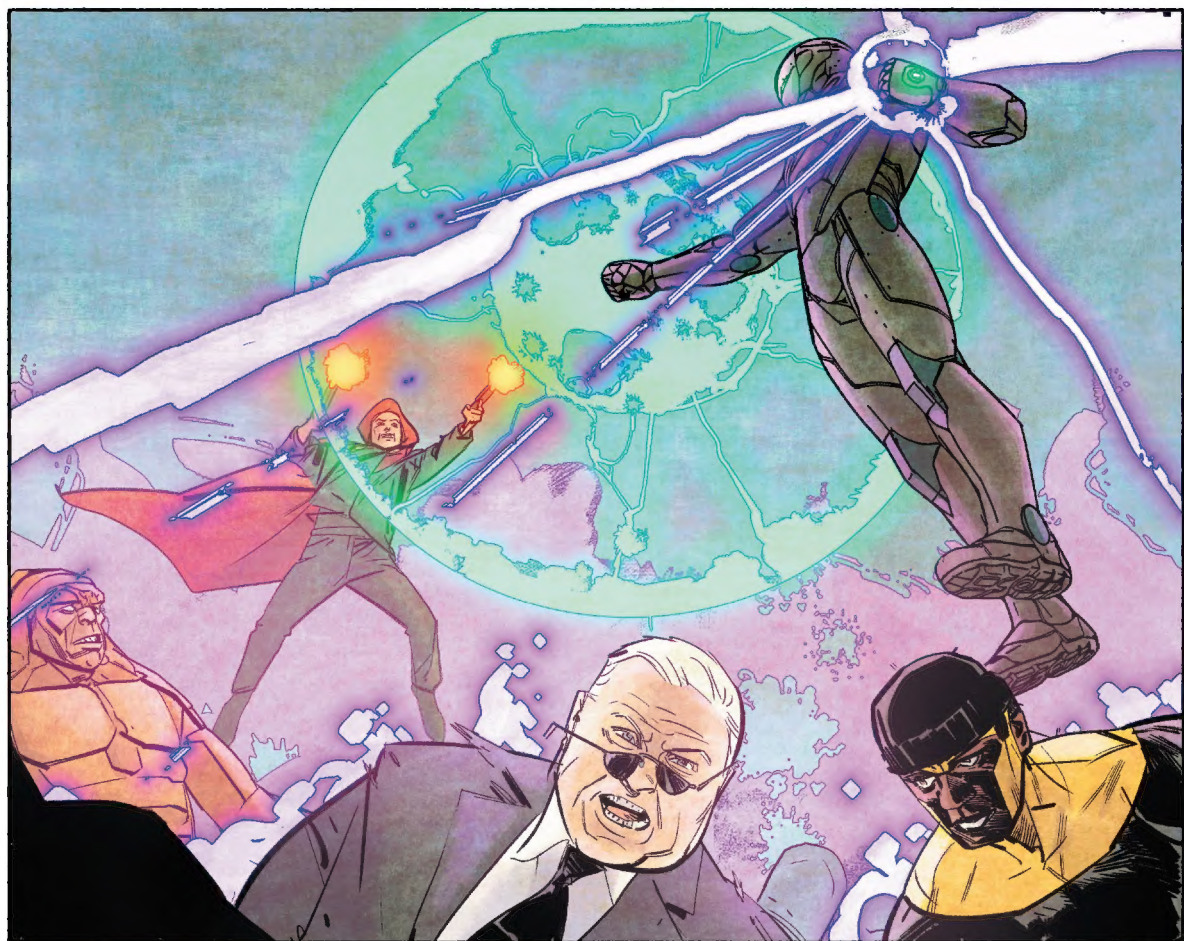
...THE FANTASTIC FOUR COULDN'T DO IT, NONE OF THOSE SPIDER-MEN COULD DO IT, WE DID IT.

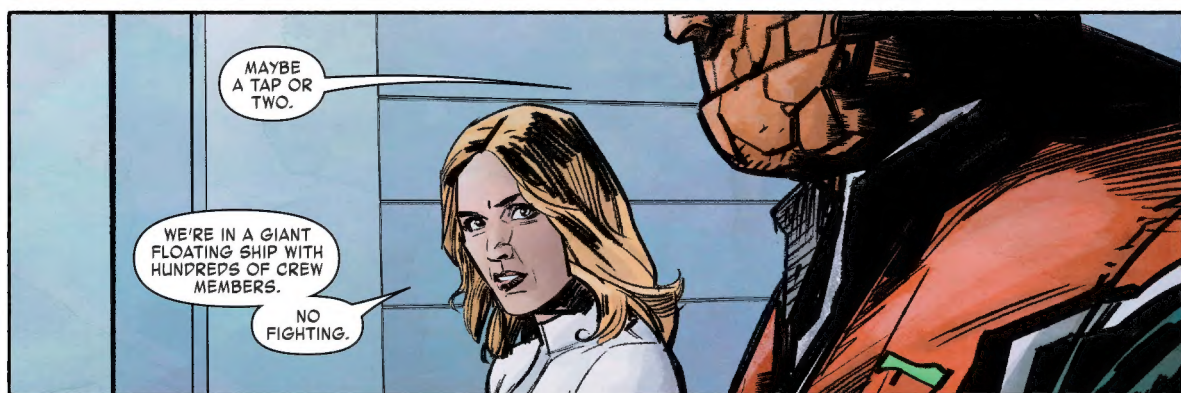
US.

WHO WOULD @##@ WITH US AFTER WE KILL DOCTOR--?

SSSSKKKKRIIIII









HEY, BIG TIME.

AW, NO.

AW, YEAH.

DIRK!

DIRK! DIRK! DIRK!



COME ON!

WHAT?

I'M-- I'M TURNING MYSELF IN!

YEAH, I HEARD.

DIDN'T HEAR THE DETAILS, THOUGH. WHAT DONE SHOOK YA?

I JUST--I JUST WANT TO LIE DOWN.



NAH, GIVE IT TO ME.

WHAT SPOOKED YA?



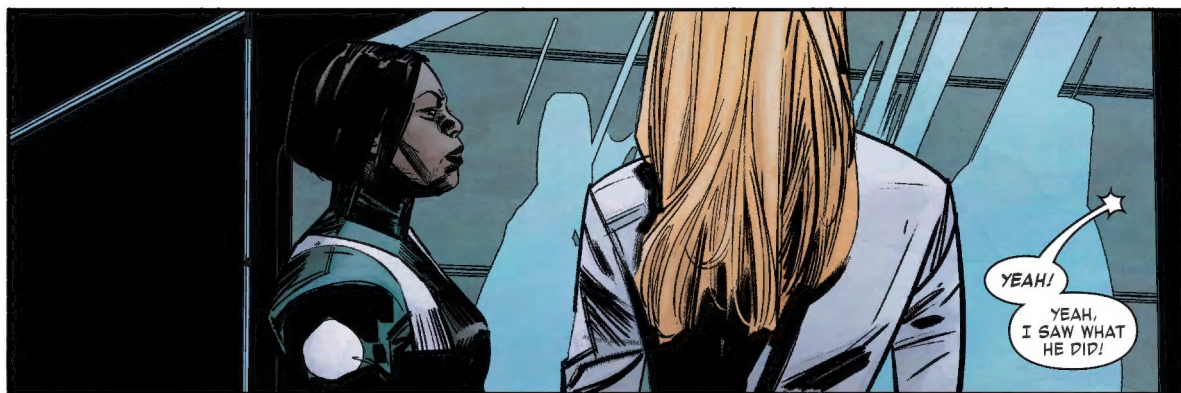
VICTOR VON POOM.

HE--

HE KILLED THEM ALL.

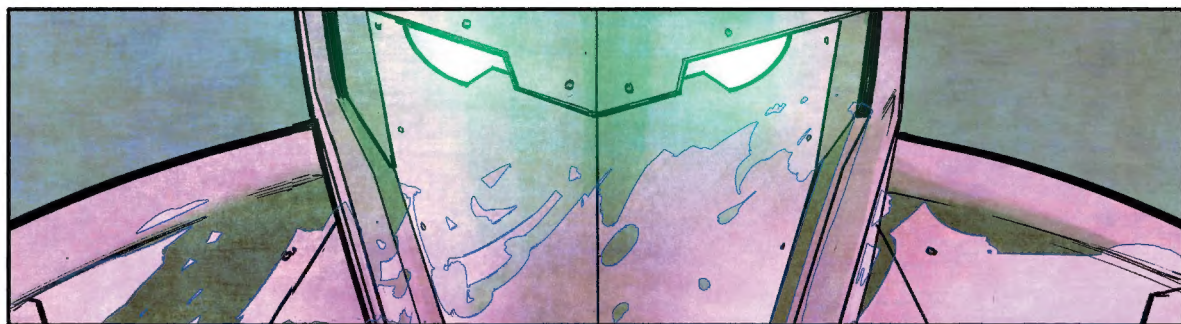


YOU SAW HIM?



YEAH!

YEAH, I SAW WHAT HE DID!



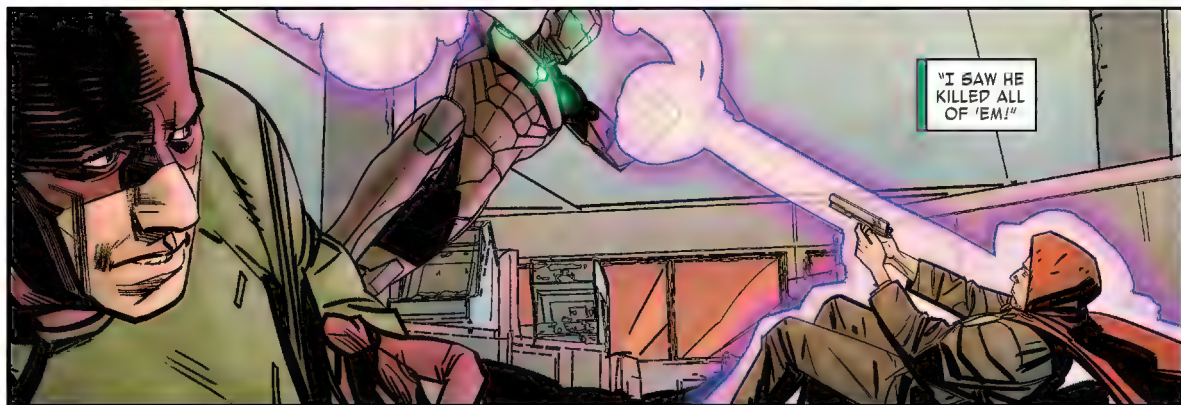
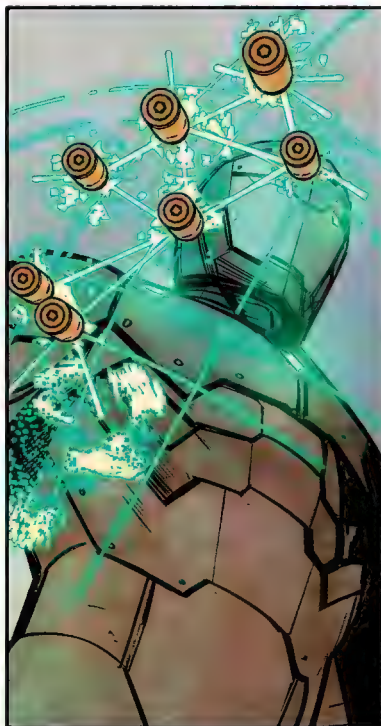
"I MEAN,
THESE WERE NO
SMALL POTATOES.

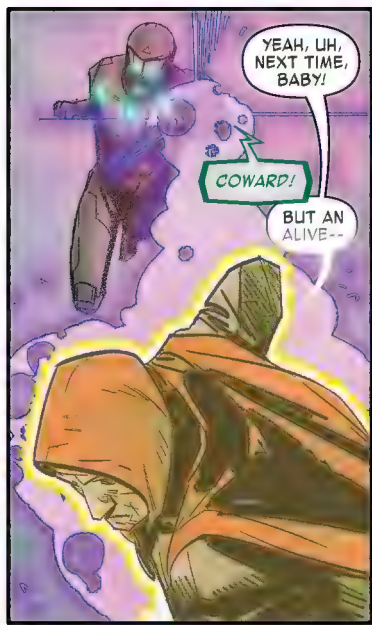
"THESE WERE
BIG-LEAGUERS.

"HE MOPPED
DA FLOOR WITH
ALL A' DEM.

"HE KNEW WHO WOULD
BE THERE AND HE KNEW
EXACTLY WHAT HE NEEDED
TO DO TO TAKE US ALL
OUT, ONE-BY-ONE LIKE...







YEAH, UH,
NEXT TIME,
BABY!

COWARD!

BUT AN
ALIVE--



HUH!

HUH!

HUH!

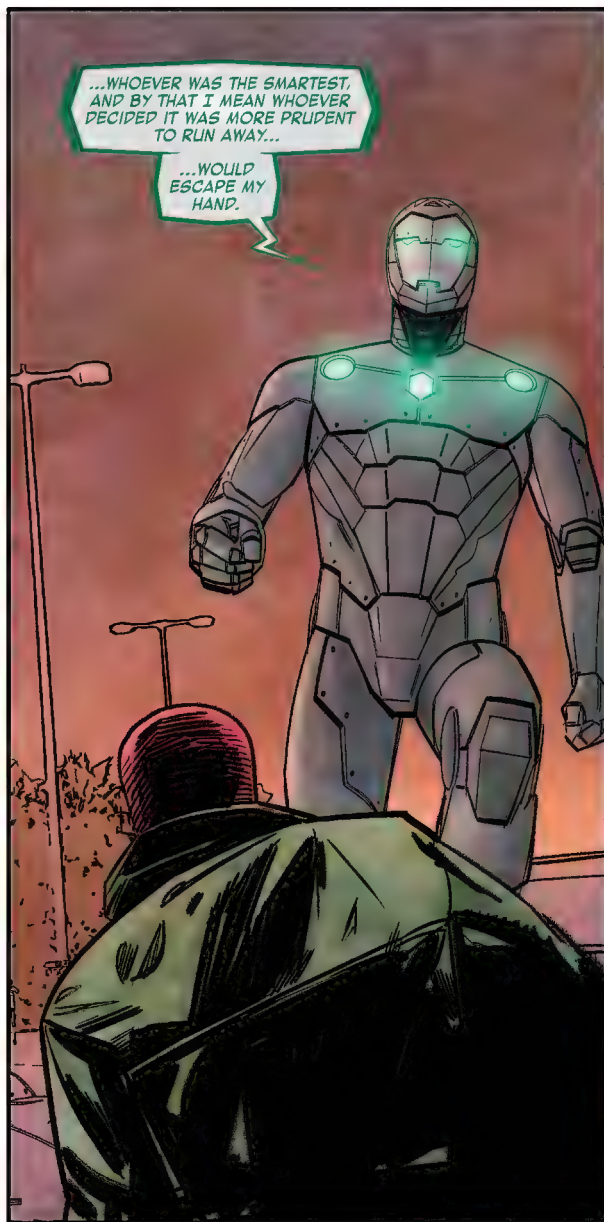


GAGH!

CRAASSHH



I TOLD
MYSELF...



...WHOEVER WAS THE SMARTEST,
AND BY THAT I MEAN WHOEVER
DECIDED IT WAS MORE PRUDENT
TO RUN AWAY...

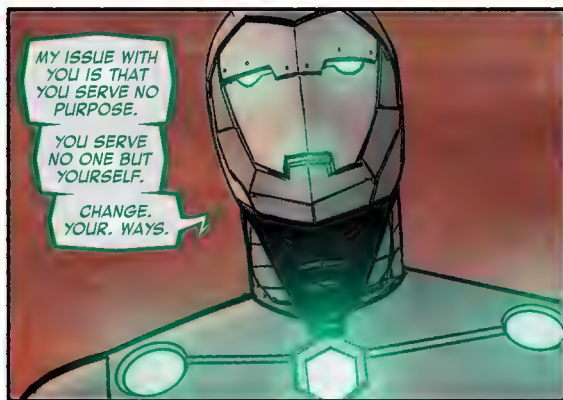
...WOULD
ESCAPE MY
HAND.



I REALLY
AIN'T GOT NO
BEEF WITH YA,
DOOM.

I--I
ALWAYS KINDA
LIKED YOUR
STYLE.

EXCEPT
FOR THAT ONE
TIME I LIPPED OFF
AT YA, BUT I--I GOT
IMPULSE CONTROL
ISSUES.



MY ISSUE WITH
YOU IS THAT
YOU SERVE NO
PURPOSE.

YOU SERVE
NO ONE BUT
YOURSELF.

CHANGE.
YOUR. WAYS.



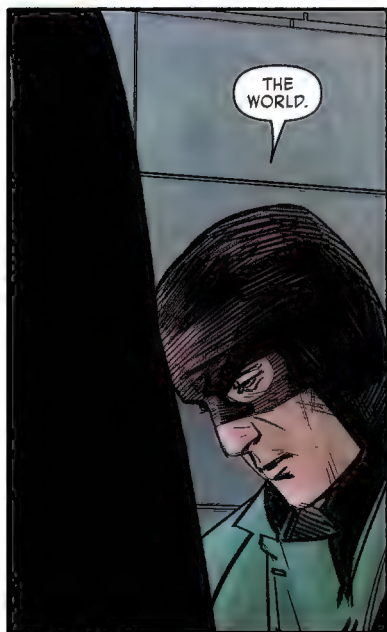
"IF NOT, I
WILL COME BACK
AND DESTROY
YOU."

"REPENT,"
HE SAID.

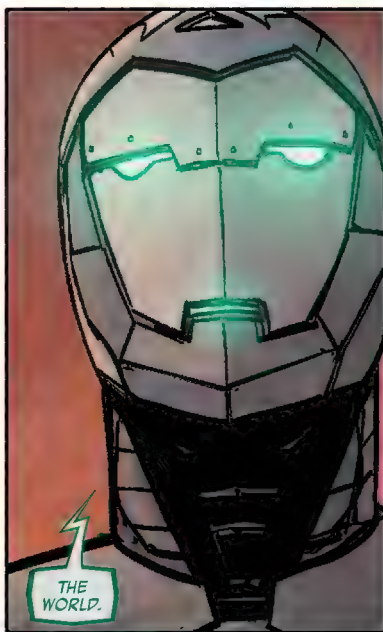
AND--AND
HE SAID TO TELL
ANYONE THAT WOULD
LISTEN THAT HE WAS
OUT THERE.

THAT HE
WAS GOING
TO FIX IT.

FIX
WHAT?



THE
WORLD.



THE
WORLD.

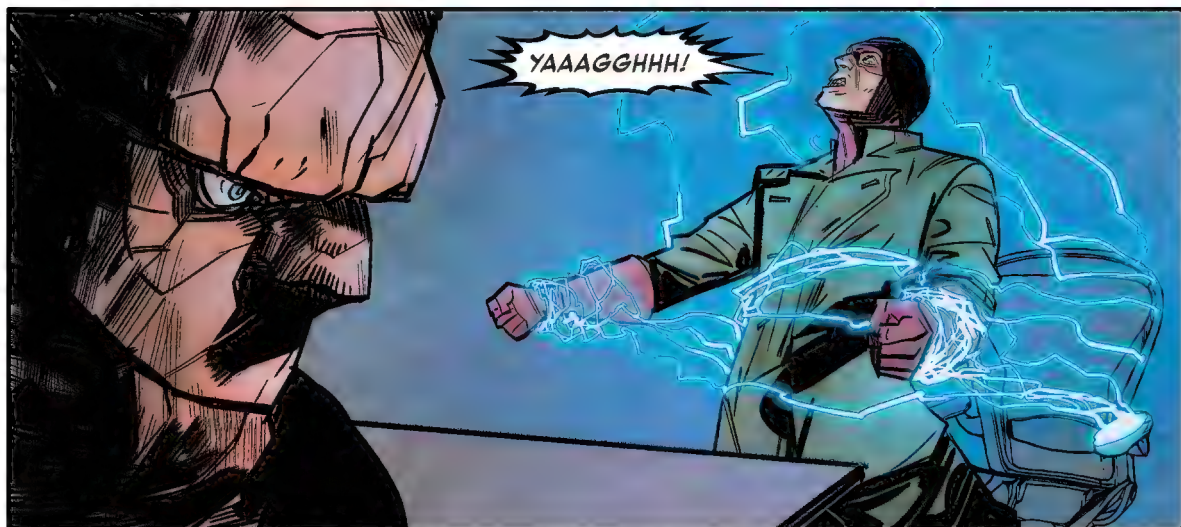


OF
COURSE.

THE
WORLD.

SURE.





YAAAGGHHH!



AGH!
NOT
COOL.



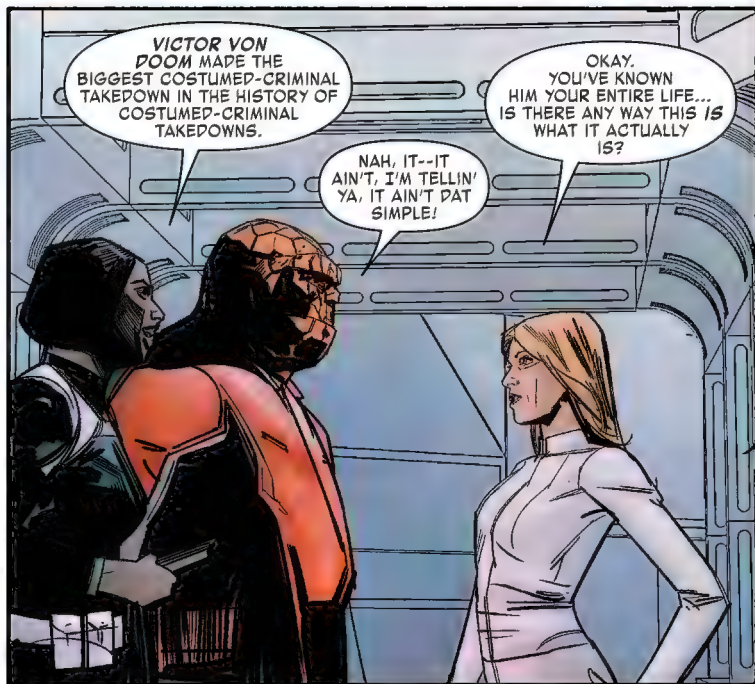
ANYWAY,
CONGRATS ON BEING
PART OF ONE OF DA
BIGGEST COSTUMED-CRIMINAL
TAKEDOWNS IN THE HISTORY
OF COSTUMED-CRIMINAL
TAKEDOWNS.

ALL CARE/A
VICTOR VON
DOOM.

HUH.



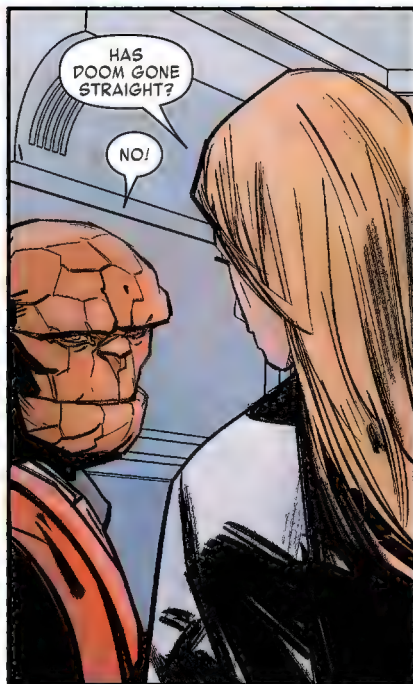
I HAVE A
LOT OF EMOTIONS
ABOUT WHAT JUST
WENT DOWN.



VICTOR VON
DOOM MADE THE
BIGGEST COSTUMED-CRIMINAL
TAKEDOWN IN THE HISTORY OF
COSTUMED-CRIMINAL
TAKEDOWNS.

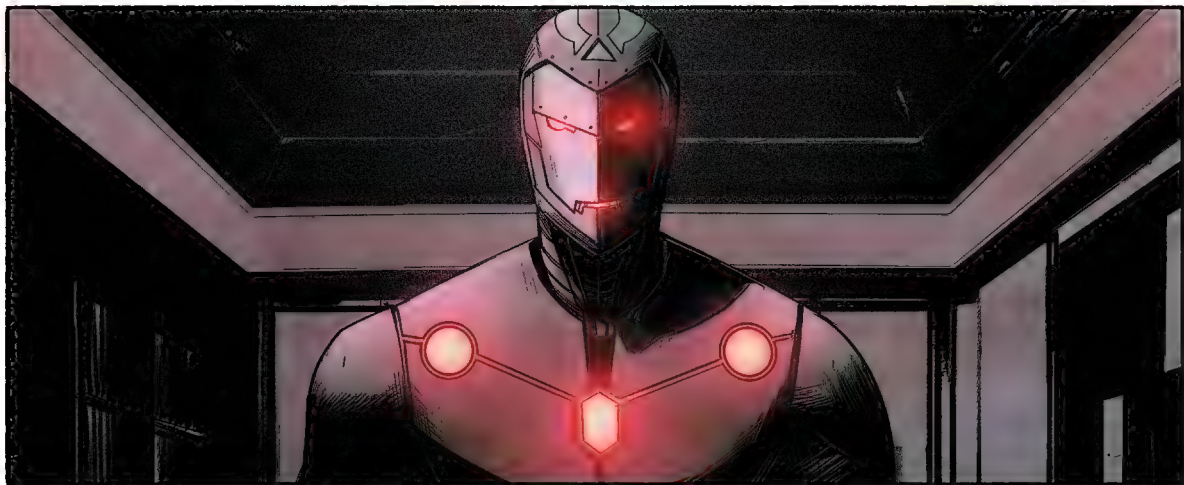
NAH, IT--IT
AIN'T, I'M TELLIN'
YA, IT AIN'T DAT
SIMPLE!

OKAY.
YOU'VE KNOWN
HIM YOUR ENTIRE LIFE...
IS THERE ANY WAY THIS *IS*
WHAT IT ACTUALLY
IS?



HAS
DOOM GONE
STRAIGHT?

NO!

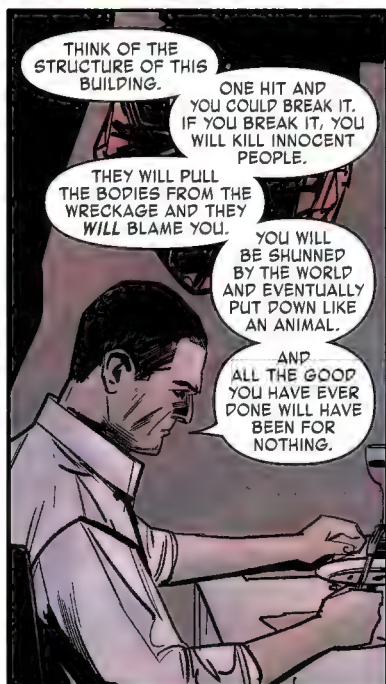




OH,
MY STARS AND
GARTERS!

YOU
ABSOLUTE PAIN IS
THE TUCHAS!

FOR
ONCE...KEEP
YOUR TEMPER,
GRIMM!



THINK OF THE
STRUCTURE OF THIS
BUILDING.

ONE HIT AND
YOU COULD BREAK IT.
IF YOU BREAK IT, YOU
WILL KILL INNOCENT
PEOPLE.

THEY WILL PULL
THE BODIES FROM THE
WRECKAGE AND THEY
WILL BLAME YOU.

YOU WILL
BE SHUNNED
BY THE WORLD
AND EVENTUALLY
PUT DOWN LIKE
AN ANIMAL.

AND
ALL THE GOOD
YOU HAVE EVER
DONE WILL HAVE
BEEN FOR
NOTHING.



OKAY, GEEZ, YOU
DON'T HAVE TO GET SO
DESCRIPTIVE.

I WILL
REIMBURSE YOU
FOR THE ROOM
SERVICE. I HAD
NOT EATEN IN
A WHILE.

IT
SOMETIMES
SLIPS MY
MIND.



VIC, I KNOW
YOU WEREN'T RAISED ALL
NORMAL LIKE THE *REST* OF US,
BUT YOU GOTTA KNOW THIS KIND
OF THING, POPPIN' INTO PEOPLE'S
WORLDS, ESPECIALLY PEOPLE
LIKE ME WHO CAN'T STAND
TA LOOK AT YA, IT'S
NOT NORMAL.



I WOULD
ARGUE THAT THERE
IS NOTHING ABOUT
THE TWO OF US THAT
THE WORLD WOULD
CONSIDER
NORMAL.



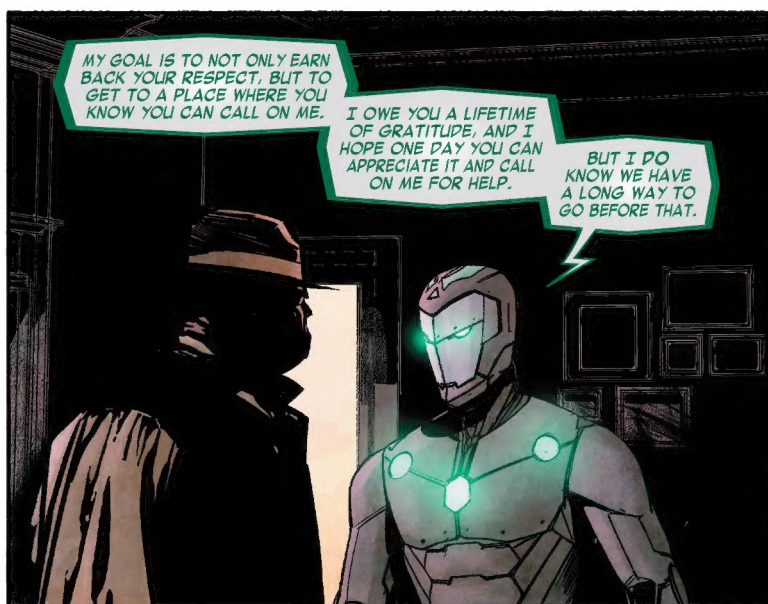
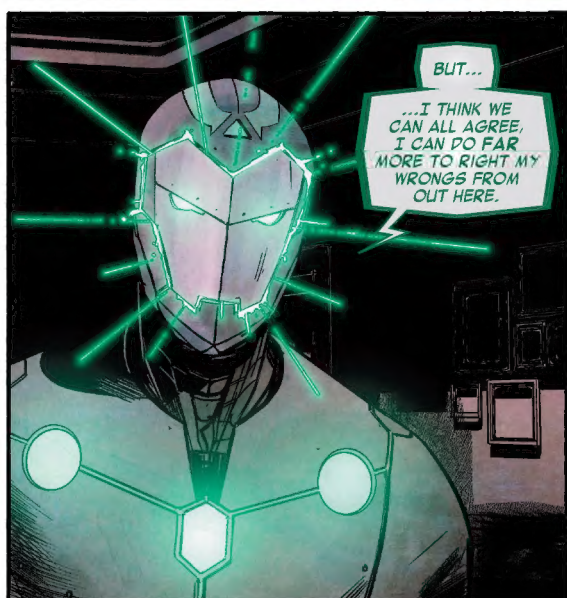
WELL,
OKAY.

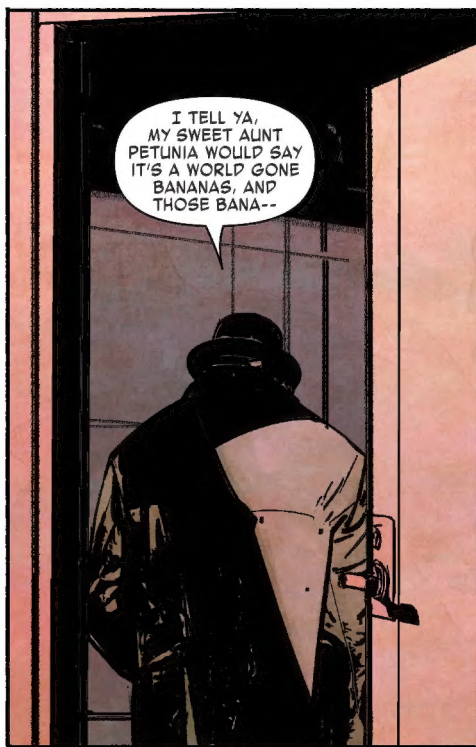
BUT LISTEN--
YOU MAKE MY SKIN
CRAWL, YOUR VOICE MAKES
ME WANT TO PUNCH MY OWN
FACE, AND EVERY TIME YOU LOOK
AT ME WITH THAT SMUG STARE
I REMEMBER EVERY @##\$@##\$
UP THING YOU EVER DID
OR SAID, EVERY EVIL,
SELFISH--



BENJAMIN.
I'M SORRY.









NEXT ISSUE:



SHOWDOWN!